



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY
MAY 5, 2006

WHEREAS, tree planting is an important part of our past, present and future because of the long-lasting environmental, social, community and economic benefits trees provide; and

WHEREAS, trees are silent witnesses to the events of our past, planted by early settlers long before our communities were established for wind protection, soil erosion prevention, building materials and natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, this year marks 100 years of forestry in North Dakota, which began with the establishment of the School of Forestry in Bottineau on June 8, 1906; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Forest Service and Minot State University-Bottineau are celebrating this centennial by recognizing North Dakota's pioneers of forestry, honoring past accomplishments and setting a course for the next century; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to continue the important tradition of planting and caring for trees, creating a living legacy for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 5, 2006, **ARBOR DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State